

RALPH COLLINS

Mr. Collins was born in Yunnanfu (now Kunming) China in 1914. He studied at the University of Alberta, the Zimmern School of International Studies in Geneva, Harvard University, the University of California and Oxford.

He entered the Department of External Affairs in 1941 and has served in a number of posts abroad, including Chungking (the wartime capital of China), Washington, London and Moscow. From 1965 to 1971 Mr. Collins was in Ottawa as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Collins was appointed to his present position of Ambassador to China in April 1971. He was the first Ambassador to be named there after Canada established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Collins is married and has three children.